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Title: Methods For Rapid Detection And Identification Of Bioagents In Containers

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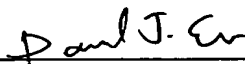
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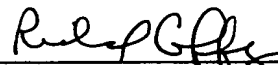
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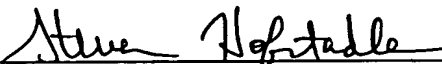
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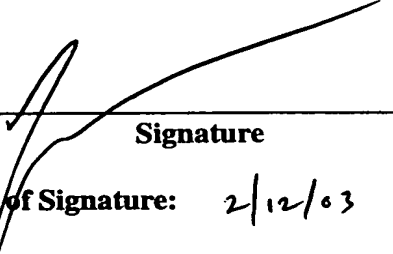
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